



## UTAH NATIONAL GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

12953 S. Minuteman Drive, Draper, UT 84020

P: (801) 432-4407 – F: (801) 432-4677 – [www.ut.ngb.army.mil](http://www.ut.ngb.army.mil)

Twitter: @UTNationalGuard – Facebook.com/utahnationalguard

**Press Release 12-033, 3 July 2012**

**Contact: Lt. Col. Hank McIntire, (801) 420-4778**

### **For Immediate Release**

## **Southern Utah Cities to Sign Community Covenant with Utah National Guard during Independence Day Celebrations**

DRAPER, Utah – The Southern Utah cities of Toquerville, Kanab, Glendale, Hatch, Paragonah and Moroni will hold Community Covenant-signing ceremonies with the Utah National Guard in conjunction with their July 4 celebrations.

Ceremonies demonstrate a formal commitment in an effort to bring both local and military leaders together to more effectively recognize the contributions of cities and Servicemembers.

The overall goal of the Community Covenant program is to educate local leaders on the challenges that Servicemembers and their families experience in all phases of deployment (before, during and after), provide them with information on programs available to help military family members and create a dialogue with the Utah National Guard to ensure that communities can meet the needs of Servicemembers, Veterans and their families.

Each Community Covenant is uniquely tailored so communities can help serve those who serve.

Here is a list of Community Covenant Signings slated for July 4:

- Toquerville, Utah – Toquerville officials will sign a Community Covenant Wednesday, July 4, at 9 a.m. at the West Center Street Park in Toquerville. The signing will be part of Toquerville's breakfast and patriotic celebration. Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Capt. David Jones at (435) 874-6632 or the Toquerville military liaison, city councilmember Mark Fahrenkamp, at (435) 635-1094.

-more-

- Kanab, Utah – Kanab officials will sign a Community Covenant Wednesday, July 4, at approximately 10 a.m. in the Kanab City Park as part of their Fourth of July Celebration. The signing will take place at Jacob Hamblin Park, located at 531 N. 100 E. in Kanab immediately following the parade down Main Street. For more information, please contact Capt. David Jones at (435) 874-6632 or Kanab event coordinator Vicki Bishop at (435) 644-2525 or (435) 899-9732.
- Glendale, Utah – Glendale officials will sign a Community Covenant Wednesday, July 4, as part of the town's Fourth of July Celebration. The signing will take place at 6 p.m. at 90 East Center in Glendale. For more information, please contact Sgt. Hyrum Durfee at (435) 272-6870 or Glendale Mayor Franklin Raleigh at (435) 648-2341.
- Hatch, Utah – Hatch officials will sign a Community Covenant Wednesday, July 4, at 6 p.m. as part of their Fourth of July celebration. The signing will take place following a dinner at the Hatch town offices at 49 W. Center Street in Hatch. For more information, please contact Capt. David Jones at (435) 874-6632 or the Hatch military liaison, Ryan Josie, at (435) 231-2021.
- Paragonah, Utah – Paragonah officials will be signing a Community Covenant Wednesday, July 4, at the Paragonah Town Cemetery, 689 E. Center in Paragonah, as part of the town's annual Fourth of July Celebration. The signing will take at approximately 9 a.m. during a patriotic ceremony. For more information, please contact Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ryan Palmer at (435) 896-4326 or Paragonah's military liaison, Jane Stone, at (435) 704-4129.
- Moroni, Utah – Moroni officials will be signing a Community Covenant Wednesday, July 4, at 8 a.m. as part of a flag-raising ceremony at Moroni City Hall's flagpole, 80 S. 200 W., in Moroni. For more information, please contact Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Ryan Palmer at (435) 896-4326.